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* 2016 *Q.*—Sri T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have passed an order fixing the Madras scales of pay from 1st November 1956 to all Graduate teachers working in aided schools in the Kanyakumari district;

(*b*) if so, whether the order has been given effect to; and

(*c*) if not the reasons therefor?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) & (*c*) Yes, Sir, in respect of teachers who are in service.

Sri T. T. DANIEL : In view of the fact that the order has not yet been implemented so far as the teachers working in the aided schools in the Kanyakumari district are concerned, although 13 months have passed since the Pay Commission has recommended that there shall be parity in the matter of service conditions between the teachers working under different agencies in the State, will the Government pass an order at least during the course of this Assembly session?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : I already answered this question yesterday and I also assured that the arrears would be paid with retrospective effect from 1st June 1960.

Compulsory free education

* 2017 *Q.*—Sri T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) for how long compulsory and free education has been in force in Kanyakumari district;

(*b*) up to which standard; and

(*c*) the percentage of enrolment of the age group of 5–11 in the elementary school this year in Kanyakumari district and in other districts?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) From 1946.

(*b*) Up to V Standard.

(*c*) A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House.

* 2018 *Q.*—Sri T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any resolution from the Education Ministers' Conference held recently in Delhi regarding the introduction of compulsory free education;

(*b*) if so, the details thereof; and

(*c*) the decision of the Government on that resolution?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir. The conference held in November 1960 made the following recommendations :—

A comprehensive and up-to-date law should be enacted for the enforcement of compulsory attendance.

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 346–347 infra.

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Steps should be taken to provide all school-less villages with schools.

Enrolment drives should be organized and special measures should be adopted to increase the enrolment of girls and the children of backward communities.

(*c*) The recommendations have been taken due note of when finalizing the Third Five-Year Plan for Education.

Medical check-up for students

* 2019 *Q.*—SRI T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is annual medical check-up of all students in High Schools; and

(*b*) if not, whether this system is proposed to be introduced in the near future?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

SRI T. T. DANIEL : In view of the fact that this annual medical check-up is quite necessary for the students, will the Government introduce this measure as early as possible so that there may be this annual medical check-up at least to the students though not for the whole population in the State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Not only medical check-up is necessary. So many other things are necessary. We are trying to implement step by step all essential things which are required for proper education in our schools.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Was not this annual medical check-up of students in high schools in vogue some years back. I believe when I was a student I was subjected to this kind of medical check-up. It was in vogue then. May I know why it was given up? What were the reasons? What would be the cost involved to resume this?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The question is whether there is annual medical check-up for all students in high schools. Medical check-up of students is in vogue even now but it does not cover all students. In some schools it is not in vogue. That is why we are trying to make it compulsory for all students and the matter is under consideration.

SRI K. ANBAZHAGAN : தலைவர் அவர்களே, உயர் நிலைப் பள்ளி மாணவர்கள் அனைவருக்கும் மருத்துவ பரிசோதனை நடத்துவதோடுகூட, அவர்களில் பெரும்பாலானவர்கள் தக்க மருத்துவ உதவியை பெறமுடியாதவர்களாக இருப்பதின் காரணத்தினால், அவர்களுக்குத் தேவையான, அவசியமான மருந்துகளை தந்து உதவுவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் ஏதேனும் முயற்சி எடுத்துக் கொள்ளுமா ?